news agencies in India. The Council has built "Norms of Journalistic Conduct", which, *inter-alia,* provide for obsenity and vulgarity to be eschewed and cover principles and ethics with regard to journalism.

Film on Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Narayan

†390. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that film on Jaiprakash Narayan by Shri Prakash Jha was deliberately withheld for screening on Doordarshan on October 11 which happens to be the birthday of Jaiprakash Narayanji;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the status of this film and whether Government have finally decided its screening after making certain cuts therefrom and if so, the precise reasons for making such cuts?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The film was telecast over Doordarshan's National Channel on 4th December, 2004 at 9.30 p.m. in the prime time film slot. Certain changes, mostly factual, were made through discussions between Doordarshan and the Commissioned Producer. These include insertion of credit caption of Ministry of Culture, correction of map of undivided India, editing of some audio bytes, editing of portrayal of physical torture in Lahore Jail, colour correction of British flag shown in Hazaribagh Jail and insertion of designations of interviewees.

FM radio stations

391. SHRIMATI KAMLAMANHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has drawn up an ambitious road map to set up 400 FM radio stations in the private sector throughout the country;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the locations thereof, particularly in Karnataka and the objective of setting up FM station throughout the country;

(c) the terms and conditions of the agreement signed between the private parties and the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) the estimated revenue likely to be earned from these FM radio stations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) About 400 stations have been indentified, which are envisaged to be utilized for expansion of private FM radio in phase-ll.

(b) In Karnataka, Bangalore, Hubli, Mangalore, Belgaum, Gulbarga, Mysore and Davangere are envisaged for expansion of private FM radio. In ' the year 1999, the Government had allowed the setting up of private FM radio stations at 40 locations (Phase-I) with the following main objectives:-

(i) Expansion of FM network;

(ii) Radio programmes with superior quality of fidelity and reception and generation of programmes with local content and relevance;

(iii) Fillip to broadcasting and encouragement of new talent;

(iv) Generation of employment;

(v) Generation of revenue for the Government.

(c) and (d) The policy for expansion of private FM radio in phase-ll is yet to be finalized.

Advertisement on the Gandhi's Birth Anniversary

392. SHRIMATIN. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is his Ministry's reaction to the advertisement issued by it on the Gandhi's Birth Anniversary quoting him as saying, "I would rather have India resort to arms in order to defend her honour than remain a helpless to her own dishonour"; and

(b) what message does his Ministry intends to convey through this advertisement?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The quote used in the advertisement issued